IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing copying of proprietary digital image data that is [rendered within a window] displayed on a computer monitor, comprising:

providing screen pixel data for rendering on a computer monitor, the screen pixel data including pixel data for a [first window having] proprietary digital image [data therewithin];

detecting an event that a [second] window is going to be displayed on the computer monitor;

determining the position and size of the [second] window;

determining, based on the position and size of the [second] window, a portion of the screen pixel data [wherein the first window] that is going to be covered by the [second] window; [and]

replacing at least the portion of the screen pixel data with substitute pixel data[,] prior to the [second] window being displayed;

displaying the substitute pixel data; and

displaying the window over at least a portion of the substitute pixel data.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising [the step of] registering an application to include a system-wide hook in order to monitor window events occurring within a windows operating system, and wherein said detecting comprises receiving notification of a window event from the windows operating system.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the system-wide hook is a windows CBT hook.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the system-wide hook is a windows CallWndProc hook.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said detecting detects that a new window is going to be opened.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said detecting detects that an existing window is going to be enlarged.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said detecting detects that an existing window is going to be maximized.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said detecting detects that an existing window is going to be moved from behind [the first] another window to in front of the [first] other window.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the substitute pixel data is white pixel data.

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10. (Currently Amended) A system for preventing copying of proprietary digital image data that is [rendered within a window] displayed on a computer monitor, comprising:

a computer monitor on which screen pixel data is rendered, the screen pixel data including pixel data for a [first window having] proprietary digital image [data therewithin];

an event detector detecting that a [second] window is going to be displayed on the computer monitor;

a window processor for determining the position and size of the [second] window, and for determining, based on the position and size of the [second] window, a portion of the screen pixel data [wherein the first window] that is going to be covered by the [second] window; [and]

a pixel processor for replacing at least the portion of the screen pixel data with substitute pixel data[,] prior to the [second] window being displayed; and

a display processor for displaying the screen pixel data and the substitute pixel data, and for displaying the window over at least a portion of the substitute pixel data.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10 further comprising a hook registry for registering an application to include a system-wide hook in order to monitor window events occurring within a windows operating system, and wherein said event detector comprises a notification receiver for receiving notification of a window event from the windows operating system.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the system-wide hook is a Windows CBT hook.

13. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the system-wide hook is a Windows CallWndProc hook.

14. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein said event detector detects that a new window is going to be opened.

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15. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein said event detector detects that an existing window is going to be enlarged.

16. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein said event detector detects that an existing window is going to be maximized.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10 wherein said event detector detects that an existing window is going to be moved from behind [the first] another window to in front of the [first] other window.

18. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the substitute pixel data is white pixel data.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing copying of proprietary digital image data that is [rendered within a window] displayed on a computer monitor, comprising:

providing screen pixel data for rendering on a computer monitor, the screen pixel data including pixel data for a [first window having] proprietary digital image [data therewithin];

detecting that a [second] window is going to be displayed on the computer monitor;

determining the position and size of the [second] window;

determining, based on the position and size of the [second] window, a portion of the screen pixel data wherein the proprietary digital image [data] is going to be covered by the [second] window; [and]

replacing at least the portion of the screen pixel data with substitute pixel data[,] prior to the [second] window being displayed;

displaying the substitute pixel data; and

displaying the window over at least a portion of the substitute pixel data.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for preventing copying of proprietary digital image data that is [rendered within a window] displayed on a computer monitor, comprising:

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a computer monitor on which screen pixel data is rendered, the screen pixel data including pixel data for a [first window having] proprietary digital image [data therewithin];

an event detector detecting that a [second] window is going to be displayed on the computer monitor;

a window processor for determining the position and size of the [second] window, and for determining, based on the position and size of the second window, a portion of the screen pixel data wherein the proprietary digital image [data] is going to be covered by the [second] window; and

a pixel processor for replacing at least the portion of the screen pixel data with substitute pixel data[,] prior to the [second] window being displayed; and

a display processor for displaying the screen pixel data and the substitute pixel data, and for displaying the window over at least a portion of the substitute pixel data.